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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 717

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Nita Jones upon
being named Elementary Counselor of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their personal and professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Nita Jones, who was recognized by the Tennessee School Counseling Association as the Elementary Counselor of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a native of Perry County, Mrs. Jones attended the University of Tennessee at Martin where she received her Bachelor of Arts and subsequently earned a Masters in Supervision Administration and Counseling; she has further supplemented her education with 45 hours of graduate level work; and

WHEREAS, a 30-year resident of Dyersburg, Mrs. Jones has demonstrated her outstanding teaching abilities in both Lauderdale County and Dyersburg; and

WHEREAS, presently, this remarkable lady is a counselor at Dyersburg Primary School and has served with great probity as a counselor for the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, a truly humble woman, Mrs. Jones was honored to receive the Elementary Counselor of the Year award; she takes no credit for her accomplishments and believes in her job and the many children she has positively influenced; and

WHEREAS, she was nominated for this prestigious award by her peers and was chosen by the Selection Committee from a list of worthynominees from throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work as a counselor, Mrs. Nita Jones still finds time to lend her remarkable talents to countless notable causes; she is a civic minded individual and strives to give back to her community; and

WHEREAS, among her countless activities and accolades, she is on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Education Association, and is President-Elect of the Tennessee Counseling Association; in addition, she has also received the District Winner for the State Teacher of the Year Award, one of six teachers recognized by the state; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Nita is also a devoted and valued member of the First United Methodist Church in Dyersburg; and

WHEREAS, Nita Jones is most grateful for the love and encouragement she receives from her husband, T.J. Jones; she is the proud mother of three sons, Nick and Stephen Dycus, and Brandtly Jones, and devoted grandmother of seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Nita Jones for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and to its most precious resources, our children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mrs. Nita Jones, congratulate her upon being named the

Elementary Counselor of the Year, and applaud her unflagging efforts to cultivate the young minds of this great state's children. We extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.